

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A dice game apparatus comprising:

a dice rolling portion means for rolling dice so as to ~~change spots shown by the dice~~ and ~~then stopping the dice again,~~ the rolling and stopping changing a number of spots shown on the top sides of the dice;

a camera ~~photographing means~~ for photographing the dice from a predetermined direction after the rolling and stopping of the dice, ~~the dice having been rolled by the dice rolling means and then having been stopped with given spots;~~ and

a controller ~~judging means~~ for judging the number of spots shown ~~by the dice~~ based on image data obtained by the camera ~~photographing means;~~

wherein a predetermined profit is given to a player who has placed a bet on the ~~given~~ number of spots shown by the dice, the profit being based on a ~~judgment result produced by~~ the judging ~~means;~~

wherein the dice rolling portion means has a rolling surface on which the dice are put and rolled, the rolling surface being inclined downwardly from an outer periphery thereof toward a center thereof; and

wherein the camera ~~photographing means~~ takes an image including ~~upper~~ the top sides of the dice gathering at a lower position of the rolling surface from above the rolling surface.

2. (Currently Amended) The dice game apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the rolling surface and the ~~photographing means can be~~ camera are shielded by a shielding member

when the dice are rolled, and the dice are photographed while being shielded by the shielding member.

3. (Currently Amended) The dice game apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the dice are ~~stopped in a state of being~~ inclined after the stopping in accordance with an inclination of the rolling surface, ~~and the dice are stationary while the upper sides~~ the top sides of the dice are substantially ~~exactly~~ facing the camera ~~photographing means~~ after the stopping.

4. (Currently Amended) The dice game apparatus of Claim 3, wherein the camera ~~photographing means~~ is disposed above a lowest position of the rolling surface.

5. (Currently Amended) The dice game apparatus of Claim 4, wherein, ~~when a plurality of~~ the dice are rolled and stopped simultaneously ~~used~~, the dice ~~to be~~ being stopped on the rolling surface ~~are each rolled to a stop~~ at a substantially equal distance from a reference point.

6. (Currently Amended) The dice game apparatus of Claim 5, wherein the rolling surface and the camera ~~are photographing means~~ ~~can be~~ shielded by a shielding member when the dice are rolled, ~~and~~ the dice ~~[[are]]~~ being photographed while ~~being~~ shielded by the shielding member.

7. (Currently Amended) The dice game apparatus of Claim 6, wherein the camera ~~photographing means~~ is a CCD (Charge-Coupled Device) camera, the CCD camera ~~[[has]]~~ having a wide-angle lens.